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DWELLINGS IN URBAN AND RURAL DIVISIONS.

The Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. E.T. McPhee) has made available the following preliminary results of the recent Census showing the number of dwellings in the urban and rural divisions of each State as at the 30th June, 1933. The term dwelling as used in the following tables includes private homes, tenements and flats, and institutions such as hospitals, boarding establishments and hotels.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Division	Occupied	Unoccupied	Being Built	Total	Percentage on Total Dwellings in State
					%
Urban :-					
Metropolitan ...	291,188	10,941	253	302,382	47.72
Provincial ..	127,844	4,701	192	132,737	20.95
Rural ..	185,140	13,095	301	198,536	31.33
Total ..	604,172	28,737	746	633,655	100.00

VICTORIA

Urban :-					
Metropolitan ..	237,582	6,669	394	244,645	53.38
Provincial ..	48,044	1,543	103	49,690	10.84
Rural ..	153,144	10,551	253	163,948	35.78
Total ..	438,770	18,763	750	458,283	100.00

QUEENSLAND.

Urban :-					
Metropolitan ..	69,785	2,270	86	72,141	31.75
Provincial ..	45,196	2,618	77	47,891	21.08
Rural ..	102,612	4,423	138	107,173	47.17
Total ..	217,593	9,311	301	227,205	100.00

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Urban :-					
Metropolitan ..	77,392	2,242	44	79,678	54.76
Provincial ..	12,409	478	22	12,909	8.87
Rural ..	50,190	2,633	94	52,917	36.37
Total ..	139,991	5,353	160	145,504	100.00

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Urban:-					
Metropolitan ..	48,108	1,506	176	49,790	45.39
Provincial ..	10,205	270	26	10,501	9.57
Rural ..	47,086	2,253	58	49,397	45.04
Total ..	105,399	4,029	260	109,688	100.00

/Tasmania

Division	Occupied	Unoccupied	Being Built	Total	Percentage on Total Dwellings in State
TASMANIA					
Urban:-					
Metropolitan ..	14,160	495	23	14,678	26.57
Provincial ..	12,906	441	48	13,395	24.25
Rural ..	25,627	1,485	58	27,170	49.18
Total ..	52,693	2,421	129	55,243	100.00
FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY					
Urban:-					
Provincial ..	1,583	37	5	1,625	77.12
Rural ..	416	66	-	482	22.88
Total ..	1,999	103	5	2,107	100.00
NORTHERN TERRITORY					
Urban :-					
Provincial ..	452	17	1	470	28.87
Rural ..	1,120	38	-	1,158	71.13
Total ..	1,572	55	1	1,628	100.00
AUSTRALIA					
Urban:-					
Metropolitan ..	738,215	24,123	976	763,314	46.74
Provincial ..	258,639	10,105	474	269,218	16.48
Rural ..	565,335	34,544	902	600,781	36.78
Total ..	1,562,189	68,772	2,352	1,633,313	100.00

For Australia the average number of inmates per occupied dwelling was less in 1933 at 4.23 than in 1921 at 4.69. In the metropolitan areas it was also less at 4.21 than in 1921 at 4.76.

For Australia the proportion of unoccupied dwellings was practically the same in 1933 (4.21%) as in 1921 (4.23%) and for the metropolitan areas the respective percentages were - 3.16 per cent. in 1933 and 2.77 per cent. in 1921. The total number of unoccupied dwellings in 1933 was 68,772 against 51,163, and in the metropolitan areas there were 24,123 unoccupied compared with 14,109 in 1921.

The number of dwellings reported as being built in 1933 was 2,352 or 0.14 per cent. of all dwellings against 6,338 or 0.52 in 1921. In the metropolitan areas the percentage of dwellings being built was 0.13 in 1933 as compared with 0.82 per cent. in 1921.

The numerical relation between the population and dwellings is perhaps of greater importance in the metropolitan areas than elsewhere, and for those areas the cardinal facts, so far as they have been ascertained to date, are as follows :- The average number of inmates per occupied dwelling is slightly less, though the proportion of unoccupied dwellings is greater in 1933 than in 1921. The dwellings in course of construction, both in actual number and in relation to the numbers already existing, were much less in 1933 than at the earlier Census. The above figures convey the merest impression of what has been happening since 1921; more definite conclusions must await the analysis of occupied private dwellings according to the number of rooms and inmates.

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